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ric, and a correct statement of his character will amount to a just eulogium. His high professional reputation was the reward of very eminent qualifications. Of his surgical skill, the public appear to have formed a very proper and unexaggerated estimate; and it is to his honour, and was certainly to their advantage, that he did not suffer his mind to be drawn aside by speculative studies, or towards collateral branches of science, but applied its undivided energies to the study of surgery alone. Thus he cultivated with an ardent and lively zeal, the fruit of which was the unbounded confidence of an extensive circle of friends. It is no more than simple justice to say that the value of his professional skill was greatly enhanced by manners the most gentle and unassuming, by a mild and patient temper, and by dispositions of great kindness, humanity, and benevolence. It has sometimes been insinuated that professional men have condescended to wear an artificial character,

to be used as an instrument for the promotion of selfish purposes, and that in the pursuit of fame and fortune, they have, in some instances, trusted more to a dexterous use of the weaknesses, the caprices, and the humours of the human character, than to a knowledge of diseases, or an acquaintance with remedies. But all who knew Mr. Bowden will acknowledge, that he was an ingenuous man, untainted by affectation, and that he enjoyed from nature an original and constitutional aptitude for converting acquaintance into attachment, and casual knowledge into durable friendship. Let all those who are desirous of attaining the heights of professional eminence, make it their chief object to cultivate his virtues, and to rival his skill.

Of a pulmonary dechne, Mr. Felix O'Neil, formerly a reputable teacher in this town, a man whose excellent qualities endeared him to many, in whose remembrance he still lives.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

From August 20, till September 20.

Since last report the weather has in general been fine, and a considerable part of the crops cut down, oats have been observed to ripen very unequally this season, and the farmers have experienced some difficulty in determining on the most proper time to reap it, so as to avoid the loss of the ripe grain by waiting for the green, this inequality has probably been occasioned by the long continuance of dry weather in the latter part of Spring, which retarded the growth of such part of the seed as lay nearest the surface, and which did not recover until the rain came on long afterwards.

It is a favourable circumstance that the weather has been so extremely fine, and seems likely to continue so, as it will allow the late crops to come to a maturity which they would not have attained had the season proved either wet or cold.

The late crops of potatoes have been much improved by the warmth and dryness of the weather, and will probably turn out better than their appearance at one period gave reason to expect.

The quality of the oats seems generally good, and although in some districts there is certainly a great deficiency, yet upon the whole we may venture to pronounce it a fair average crop.

The blast or smut in wheat does not now appear as extensive as the fear of the farmer at first suggested, the quality is good, and we may hope for a supply of better flour than last year's crop afforded.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

LITTLE now remains to be added to the full detail of our commercial situation given in our two last reports. There is no amendment, but habit is reconciling us to our state. The power of habit has strong influence on the human mind, for by long contemplating an object, it loses much of its power of inspiring dread. Thus without any improvement, the state of trade, the weight of taxes, and the loss of public credit may appear more tolerable.

The means of making out a living are becoming increasingly difficult to all classes of the community, except to rich capitalists, or to those who in one shape, or another are connected with land. The rise on it, and on all articles of its produce assists to